

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE)	
COMPANY,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 4:05CV266 HEA
)	
ANGELA MILLS,)	
JACQUELINE HOUSTON,)	
SHEILA Y. TILLMAN-WILKS,)	
ANTHONY R. TILLMAN,)	
CHARLOTTE P. TILLMAN,)	
VINCENT B. TILLMAN,)	
RENEE L. MILLS,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

On November 16, 2005, a hearing was held in order to reach a resolution regarding Defendants's claims in this cause of action. As a matter of background, Plaintiff, Metropolitan Life Insurance, filed its Interpleader Complaint claiming that Arthur Mills, now deceased, was a participant in a life insurance benefits program and was enrolled for \$12,477.00. The above-named Defendants are the adult children of Arthur Mills.

On October 26, 2005, Plaintiff was discharged from the case, because it deposited \$13,805.93 (representing the policy proceeds of \$12,477.00 plus applicable

interest) with the Court. This Court also found Plaintiff was entitled to \$1,500.00 in attorneys' fees and costs, which is less than half of the amount Plaintiff claimed it actually incurred (\$3,422.90). The case, however, remained before the Court pending the resolution of Defendants' dispute over the fund.

After hearing testimony of Defendants (save Defendant Sheila Y. Tillman-Wilks, who was not present due to illness), the Court concludes that the seven above-named Defendants are entitled to an equal share of \$12,305.93, which represents the remaining policy proceeds after payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that each of the seven Defendants in this cause is entitled to ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN AND NINETY-NINE CENTS (\$1757.99), which represents an equal share of the life insurance policy proceeds;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the policy proceeds shall be disbursed to Defendants pursuant to the attachment to this Order, which shall be filed under seal.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2005.



HENRY EDWARD AUTREY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE